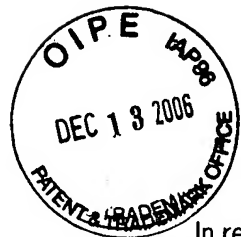


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 05-548)



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For: Method For Determining The Presence Of One)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF MISSING
REQUIREMENTS MAILED OCTOBER 13, 2006**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed October 13, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following preliminary amendments and remarks.

Attached to this paper is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), and a copy Notification of Missing Requirements.

Amendments to the specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

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